

Utah Digital Health Service Commission (DHsC)

Presentation for the HHS Interim Committee
October 17, 2007

Overview

- ❑ Utah Health Code §26-9f Digital Health Service Commission Act
 - ❑ State legislature October 2000
 - ❑ Initial focus: Telehealth in rural areas
 - ❑ 1st transition: From telehealth to digital health service (Name change in 2004)
 - ❑ 2nd transition: To support statewide e-health initiative
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Current DHsC Membership

Name	Representing	Affiliation	Appointment End Date
Joseph Cramer (Chair)	Physician who is involved in telehealth	Cottonwood Pediatrics	10/1/2010
R. Chet Loftis	Member of the public not involved with telehealth	Kirton & McConkie	10/1/2007
Dennis Moser	Rural health	Utah Center for Rural Health Southern Utah University	10/1/2007
Deborah LaMarche	Individual who uses telehealth	Utah Telehealth Network	10/1/2007
Scott Barlow	Administrator who is involved in telehealth	Central Utah Medical Clinic	10/1/2007
Michael Jensen	Individual who uses telehealth in serving medically underserved populations		10/1/2008
Mark Munger	Non-physician health care provider	University of Utah	10/1/2008
Bradley LeBaron	Licensed health care facility representative	Utah Basin Medical Center	10/1/2008
E. Rod Ross	representative of the health insurance industry	Equitable Life & Casualty Insurance	10/10/2008
Rulon Barlow	Telehealth advocate		10/1/2010
Terry Holmes	Information technology professional involved in telehealth	TelNetZ, Inc	10/1/2010

DHsC Mission Statement

The Utah Digital Health Service Commission's mission is to facilitate and promote the adoption of the secure, effective and efficient exchange of electronic health data and services, as a means to reduce health care costs, enhance quality, increase access, and improve medical and public health services.

(Adopted on September 7, 2007)

Contributions to Statewide e-Health Initiative

- ☐ Serves as the Steering Committee for the Utah's Privacy and Security Collaboration
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Contributions to Statewide e-Health Initiative (cont.)

- Hosted the 1st Region 8 Health IT Roundtable on May 11, 2007
 - Including six states: Utah, Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming
 - About 100 (?) participants
 - Demonstrated Utah's achievements in e-Health efforts
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Contributions to Statewide e-Health Initiative (cont.)

- ☐ Oversee the Promotion of EMR among Medicaid Providers
 - Synergy of efforts from
 - ☐ the CMS funded DOQ-IT project (*HealthInsight*)
 - ☐ Utah Medical Association's effort
 - ☐ Utah Medicaid
 - ☐ State funds with federal matching funds
 - 35-45 Medicaid Providers will receive technical assistance to adopt EMR in their practice
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Designated Advisory Body for e-Health Initiative

- ☐ advise and make recommendations on digital health service issues to the department and other state entities
 - ☐ advise and make recommendations to the department concerning patient privacy related policies
 - ☐ promote collaborative efforts to establish technical compatibility, uniform policies, and privacy features to meet legal, financial, commercial, and other societal requirements
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Designated Advisory Body for e-Health Initiative

- ☐ identify, address, and seek to resolve the legal, ethical, regulatory, financial, medical, and technological issues that may serve as barriers to digital health service;
 - ☐ explore and encourage the development of digital health service systems as a means of reducing health care costs and increasing health care quality and access, with emphasis on assisting rural health care providers and special populations with access to or development of electronic medical records;
 - ☐ seek public input on digital health service issues
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Designated Advisory Body for e-Health Initiative

- In consultation with the department, advise the governor and Legislature on:
 - (a) the role of digital health service in the state;
 - (b) the policy issues related to digital health service;
 - (c) the changing digital health service needs and resources in the state; and
 - (d) state budgetary matters related to digital health service.
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